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### STATE TROOPERS ASK MOTORISTS TO DRIVE WITH CAUTION

*Rain and Possible Flooding Predicted for Alabama*

MONTGOMERY — Alabama state troopers urge motorists to drive with extreme caution as weather forecasts indicate heavy rain and possible flooding in Alabama. Public Safety Director Col. W.M. Coppage asked that drivers keep a close watch on developing weather conditions in their areas.

Coppage encouraged motorists to monitor local television and radio broadcasts for information on weather and roadway conditions and to contact trooper posts only to report traffic crashes or other emergencies. He added that Public Safety's Web site, [www.dps.state.al.us](http://www.dps.state.al.us), includes a link to the ALDOT's list of emergency road closures.

Troopers provide the following suggestions to help insure the safety of motorists during inclement weather:

- Avoid travel during heavy downpours unless absolutely necessary.
- Turn on lights and windshield wipers.
- Never attempt to drive across a water-covered roadway. Water depth and movement can be deceptive.
- Drive at a lower speed appropriate for road and weather conditions.

Coppage reminded drivers that wet roadways are often slippery and hazardous. "It is important to adjust driving speeds during inclement weather, remembering that maximum speed limits are for ideal driving conditions, and always keep a safe distance between your vehicle and other motorists."

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